

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST  
KRASSEL AND MCCALL RANGER DISTRICTS  
*SOUTH FORK SALMON RIVER AND BIG CREEK  
FLOAT PERMIT SPECIAL ORDER***

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited on the streams as described in this order within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts, Payette National Forest, when signed by the Forest Supervisor and shall remain in effect until further notice.

1. Entering or being on the South Fork of the Salmon River (below the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River) or Big Creek with float boating equipment. **36 CFR 261.58(k)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization, such as a Visitor Permit and float boating tag, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**STREAMS DESCRIBED:**

**South Fork of the Salmon River**, from the point of beginning at the confluence of the South Fork of the Salmon River and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River in Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 6 East, then northeasterly, downstream, on the South Fork of the Salmon River approximately 34 miles to the confluence of the South Fork of the Salmon River and the Salmon River in Section 32, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Boise Meridian, Valley and Idaho Counties, Idaho and within the Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts, Payette National Forest.

**Big Creek** (a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River), from the point of beginning at the confluence of Big Creek and Smith Creek in Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 9 East, then easterly, downstream, on Big Creek approximately 31 miles to the confluence of Big Creek and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho and within the Krassel District, Payette National Forest.

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Order is to implement permit requirements for float boating on the South Fork of the Salmon River (a tributary to the Salmon River) and Big Creek (a tributary to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River) as required by the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area Management Plan (November, 2003). The requirement to have a Visitor Permit and float boating Tag while float boating on the above described streams is in effect during all periods open to boating. Big Creek is closed to the use of float boat equipment annually from April 1 through May 31 and August 1 through September 30 pursuant to Payette National Forest Supervisor's Order #04-12-318 dated April 17, 2001.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**Float boating equipment:** Any device by which any persons(s) may be transported in or upon a body of water; such as, but not limited to rafts, boats, air mattresses, inner tubes, hard shell kayaks, inflatable kayaks, canoes, etc.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Special Order implementing float boating permit requirements upon designated reaches of the South Fork of the Salmon River and Big Creek, as described above, is in effect during any open boating period.
2. A map identifying the described streams is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Krassel Ranger District, telephone number 208-634-0600, the McCall Ranger District, telephone number 208-634-0400, and at the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office, telephone number 208-634-0700 located in McCall, ID.
5. This Order is in addition to Payette National Forest Supervisor's Order #04-12-318 dated April 17, 2001.
6. This Order supersedes Payette National Forest Supervisor's Order #04-12-351 dated May 16, 2005.

Done at McCall, Idaho this 31 day of March, 2006.



Cliff Dils  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
Payette National Forest

**Order Number: 04-12-362**

## ASSESSMENT OF NEED & ENFORCEMENT PLAN

### South Fork Salmon River and Big Creek Float Permit Special Order

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#### PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

##### 1. Background:

Previously, floaters were required to be in possession of a permit for the Salmon River, to continue beyond the confluence of the South Fork of the Salmon River and Salmon River, or a permit for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River to continue beyond the confluence of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and Big Creek. These permits were based on a lottery draw system and difficult to obtain.

##### 2. Intent of Subpart B order:

The intent of the Order is to implement the new direction, as provided for in the Frank Church River of No Return Management Plan (November 2003), to require float boaters on the South Fork of the Salmon River and Big Creek to have a permit. These permits will allow boaters to exit from Big Creek onto the Middle Fork of the Salmon River or from the South Fork of the Salmon River onto the Salmon River without an additional permit for those rivers. Floaters entering the Middle Fork of the Salmon River from Big Creek, or entering the Salmon River from the South Fork of the Salmon River must exit the Middle Fork of the Salmon River or Salmon River corridor the same day they enter. Floaters on other tributaries will be required to have a valid Middle Fork of the Salmon River or Salmon River permit to enter or camp on those rivers. This order will be in effect during any open boating period. While these permits are free, they will be mandatory. During the first three years of implementation of these permit regulations, the Payette National Forest will be monitoring the number of floaters using the rivers. Surveys will be completed throughout the season to assess any potential resource issues that might occur within these river corridors.

##### 3. Enforcement Plan:

Signing will be posted at the confluence of the Secesh River and the South Fork of the Salmon River and at the Big Creek Airstrip indicating the regulations and how to obtain float permits.


Public notices were distributed to the news media, dated April 12, 2004.

Forest Service Officers will make public contacts during patrols to gain compliance.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	LEO Robb Bryant & Forest Staff	3/17/06

Review proposed order	Steve Lipus, LE&I	3/27/06
Reviewed by	R4 LE&I and OGC	03/27/06
Approve proposed order	Cliff Dils Acting Forest Supervisor	3/31/06
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51.	District Staff/LEO	3/31/06
Prepare news release for local Media describing the order and Management objectives	District & PAO	04/12/04
Implementation: Patrol Area	District FPO's/LEO's	on going

Assessment and Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

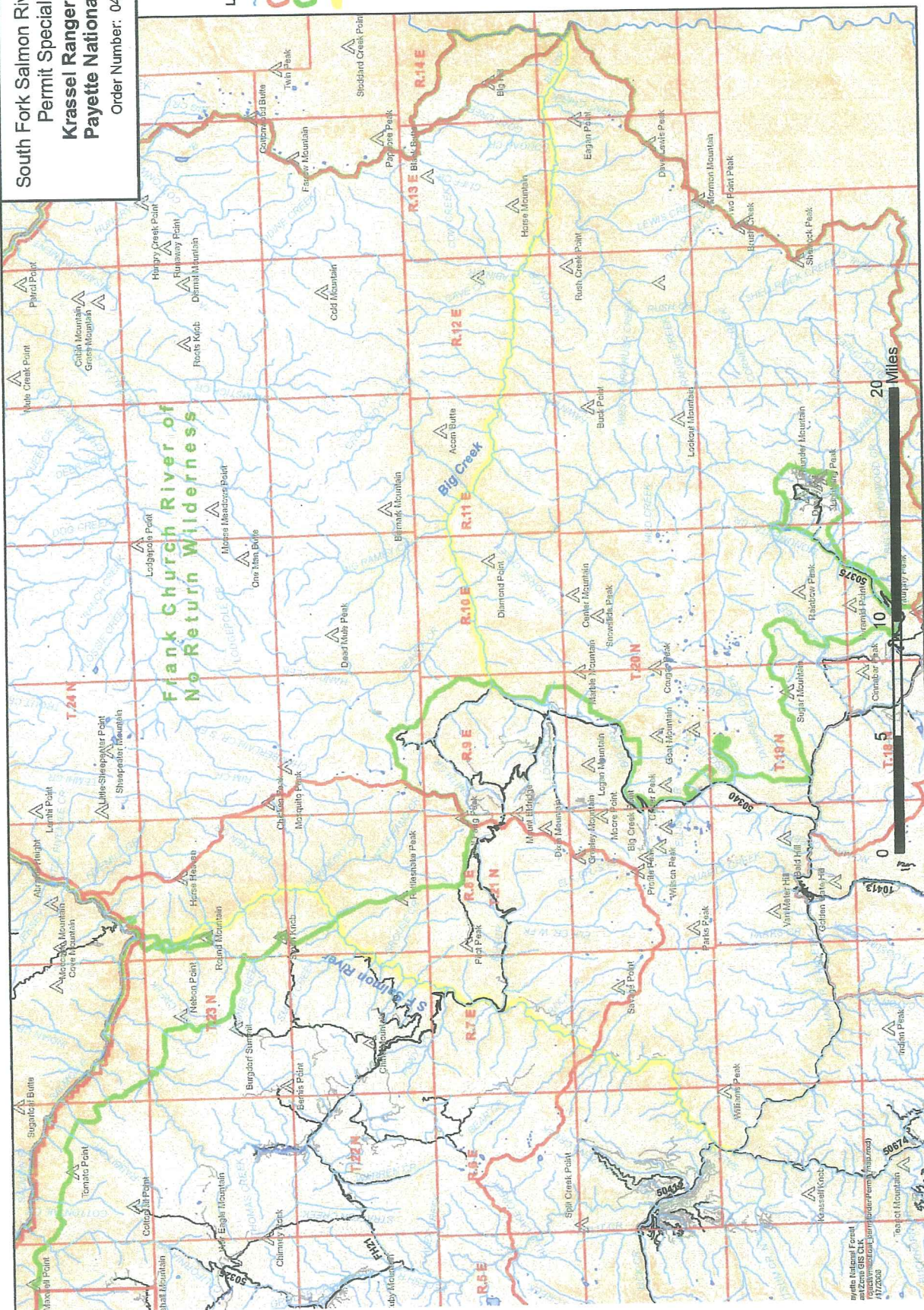
  
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